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Claims 1-15 and 19-28 are now pending in this application. In the Office Action of October 23, 2001, these claims were restricted under 35 U.S.C. §1.121 into the following two groups:

Group I:

Claims 1-15, drawn to a method of alleviating or protecting against the symptoms of radiation exposure, chemical exposure or ingestion disorder,

classified in class 424, subclass 93.7, for example.

Group II.

Claims 19-28, drawn to a method of alleviating or protecting against the symptoms of a neurological disorder, classified in class 435, subclass 2,

for example.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention defined by Group II.

In addition to the restriction requirement, the Office Action also required an election of species. In this regard, Applicants elect, without traverse, as their ultimate species in Group II a method for alleviating or protecting against the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease. Applicants submit that each of Claims 19-28 read upon the elected species.

In view of the above, early examination of the elected Group and species is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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